

Remarks

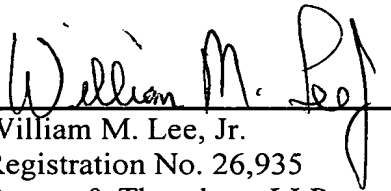
The above amendments are being made in order to eliminate multiple dependency and improper multiple dependency, as well as an improper claim, before calculation of the national filing fee for the United States. Should any multiple dependency remain, that is unintended, and the Patent and Trademark Office is requested to cancel in the remaining multiple dependent claims without prejudice before calculation of the national filing fee.

The International Preliminary Examination Report reaches the conclusion that the claims meet the requirements of novelty and inventive step (non-obviousness). It is submitted that the same result should occur in the United States.

Examination of the application on its merits is awaited.

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